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Representative Jore:

I have just been reading the paper and see where you opened up an afternoon and listened to people talk about education. What a great idea. I didn't get a chance to be there so I thought I would throw in my two cents.

There has been and will be a lot verbage about the surplus in the state coffers and how much of the pie education should receive. I for one think that the money should be set aside and not used until a SUSTAINABLE SOURCE of revenue can be worked out. Construct a simple funding formula. The one we work with now is so convoluted that it is very hard to explain to the average taxpayer. The Old Foundation Program under the former SB 28 was not a bad thing.

It would be nice if we didn't have to arrive in Helena on bended knee and beg to keep our current programs. We produce a pretty good product as is evidenced by the national tests.

Here is a win win SUSTAINABLE SOURCE OF REVENUE. Cut the 95 local and statewide mills. They only produce about \$180,000,000 in educational revenue and impliment a 3% state sales tax which by all estimates by the LFA produce about \$135,000,000 per percent or \$405,000,000.

I do understand that instead of paying my property taxes twice a year for education, I would pay those taxes in pennies everytime I bought something, but also the 10,000,000 visitors to the State of Montana would help us pay for education.

There is my two cents.

Respectfully yours,

Glenn Hageman
Superintendent of the Glasgow Schools

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